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# The Santa Clara

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## Swimming in Claradise

Azariah Joel & Noah Sonnenburg  
THE SANTA CLARA

The average first-year who wasn't so lucky with their housing timestamp may walk by Graham Residence Hall with an unquenchable feeling of desire. Larger rooms, private showers, real closets and spacious lounges? What's not to love?

Back in the day, that envy must have been even worse.

Sure, the building was smaller and less glamorous, but Graham residents of old had an edge up. They had a pool—and that's better than any lounge offered today.

Santa Clara students were on cloud nine when Graham Hall's pool was built during the 1960s. With temperate weather all year round, a backyard pool is a treat to look forward to after a long day of class. It was an oasis—a retreat from academics, athleticism and the eyes of others.

Graham's pristine pool was surrounded by lush green grass and manicured flowers—an atmosphere you couldn't find anywhere else on campus. The pool was a way for students to unwind and take a cool dip. It was the perfect spot for kickbacks or the thrill of a night swim in the warmth of spring.

Students would throw pool parties and play pranks in the water. The antics of these water-going Broncos were the stuff of collegiate legend. There was even a time when "a full-size powerboat somehow made its way into the pool," according to Santa Clara Magazine.

But there was trouble in Claradise.

Unfortunately, the pool was shut down in 2005. There was no real reason "why," but Santa Clara made the excuse that the cost for maintaining a pool and a lifeguard was becoming too unmanageable for the school's budget—or so people say. Speculation says students were becoming irresponsible which led to its closing.

Irrespective of its popularity, the forty-year-old pool was axed and an era ended. What used to be a tropical cabana scene is now covered with lawn chairs and BBQ pits.

Broncos of years past had their pool to reminisce about, but what have we got now? What, in five years time, will be the totemic image or unifying place that will remind us of Santa Clara? Do you know? Because I keep drawing blanks.

We have the Leavey pool, sure. But it's just not the same thing.

The aquatic center feels too formal with its competitive line floats and metal bleachers taking up space. You can't have a pool party or barbecue with its dampening mood of clinical athleticism.

With its barred fences and limited gathering space, the whole pool isn't really conducive to an atmosphere of relaxation and community.

## Sexual Assault Awareness Summit

*Off-campus Greek life joins forces with university for event*

Meghan McLaughlin  
NEWS EDITOR

Sexual assault is a reoccurring reality plaguing college campuses everywhere. At Santa Clara, leaders of fraternities and sororities are taking steps to combat the issue.

The Sexual Assault Awareness Summit was held in Mayer Theatre on Tuesday, April 16 and Wednesday, April 17.

Although open to anyone, the target audience was members of off-campus Greek life. Attendance was even a requirement among some chapters.

"The Sexual Assault Awareness Summit was an important first step in bringing together the Greek organizations in order to create a safer community for all of us to

live and participate in," senior Bobby Curry said, president of California Phi.

Plans for this event began to take shape a year ago.

Orchestrated largely by senior member of Alpha Phi and Associated Student Government (ASG) president Sam Pérez, this event was the first product of a formal relationship between off-campus Greek life and the university in over 10 years.

"The summit was a great opportunity for closer interaction between Greek life and the university," senior Bo Kendall said, president of Sigma Chi. "Since the university decided to de-affiliate in 2001, both sides have largely ignored each other. Today, around one third of Santa Clara students are members of off-campus Greek organizations and I think it is great that we are having conversations about how both parties can support each other."

Vice Provost for Student Life Jeanne Rosenberger provided administrative support as well as the venue.

"I think this is a very exciting opportunity for the Greek community to be able to

tap into the university's resources," senior Pedro Da Silva said, grand master of ceremonies for Kappa Sigma.

The summit was made possible with the help of ASG and the Wellness Center.

Tiger Simpson, assistant director and violence prevention program coordinator for the Wellness Center, administered the main content for the summit as a professional trained in explaining the realities of sexual assault.

"I'm hoping that this Sexual Assault Awareness Summit will jump-start a larger conversation of fostering a safer environment at SCU, and education is the first step," senior and former president of Alpha Phi Marie Kanapeaux said.

The topic of the summit was carefully deliberated by Greek life leaders.

During fall quarter, meetings were held to discuss which issues needed to be addressed.

Everyone agreed sexual assault was a

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# CAMPUS SAFETY

## Alcohol-Related Medical Emergency

**April 20:** A campus resident was seen stumbling and falling while entering Swig Residence Hall. Campus Safety and SCFD responded. He declined medical assistance. Alcoholic beverages were found in his room and were discarded.

**April 20:** A student was found sleeping and wearing minimal clothing in the Graham Residence Hall kitchen and could not remember how she got into the building. She was evaluated by SCU EMS and escorted back to her room in Sanfilippo Residence Hall.

## Information Report

**April 18:** Campus Safety, SCFD and SJFD responded to a report of a vehicle accident on Campbell Avenue. A vehicle, driven by a non-affiliate, had veered to the right side of the road, hit three parked vehicles and rolled over, landing on its side. The driver declined transportation to a hospital. SCPD and SJPD will investigate.

**April 21:** A student reported being a victim of a blackmail/computer scam. He claimed he did not pay any money to the suspect. SCPD was notified.

**April 21:** Graffiti was found written on the third floor men’s restroom wall at the Learning Commons.

**April 22:** An unknown person threw beer bottles and plastic cups over the fence into the Kids on Campus playground. There are no suspects at this time.

**April 23:** A female student reported being asked by an unknown non-affiliate male to come closer to his vehicle while she was walking on Bellomy Street. The male was observed performing a lewd act while seated in the car. The student refused to get near his vehicle and he left the area. SCPD was notified.

## Medical Emergency

**April 22:** A student accidentally struck his forehead on a table while practicing a summersault in Mayer Theatre. He was given medical assistance by SCU EMS and transported to O’Connor Hospital by a private vehicle.

**April 23:** A campus resident was reported feeling ill after slipping and hitting her head. She was evaluated by SCU EMS, who then requested SCFD’s response. She was transported to O’Connor Hospital.

## Student Behavior

**April 18:** A student refused to leave a professor’s office after being asked several times. Campus Safety responded and escorted the student out of the building.

**April 20:** A campus resident kicked some chairs at the Graham Residence Hall entrance door because he was upset his friend didn’t get accepted to a fraternity. He was contacted by a Campus Safety officer and he apologized for his behavior. No damage was detected.

**April 20:** A student was observed urinating on the wall by SCPD in the Dunne parking lot. He was intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was taken into custody by SCPD for public intoxication.

## Trespassing

**April 19:** Two non-affiliates were seen going through a recycling recepticle by Dunne Residence Hall. They also had a dog without a leash. They were admonished for trespassing and asked to leave campus property.

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# Off-Campus Greek Life Educates Members

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prominent problem, especially considering the Campus Climate Survey results.

“It was really powerful to show everyone that the Greek leaders are united in combating this issue of sexual assault and have begun partnering with the school to also find ways we can put a stop to this atrocity,” junior Kendall Deitch said, president of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Fraternities are now committed to having water at their parties, along with more protocol surrounding safety of its members, according to Pérez.

“In both my organization and others, positive changes are already being made based off of ideas from Tiger and the panel,” junior Matt Lencioni said, president of Pi Kappa Alpha. “Greek leaders have been continuing productive conversations since the summit.”

One aspect that will likely change in the future will be the emphasis on Greek life members being the sole attendees.

While the summit will likely still cater to Greek life, leaders want to be more inclusive to everyone in the university community.

“This is the first iteration of this event so obviously there are going to be hic-

cups,” junior and President of Sigma Pi Jim O’Brien said, “but I look forward to seeing how the summit is refined and continuously improved in years to come.”

Plans have already been made to make the Sexual Assault Awareness Summit an annual event, backed by both positive feedback and aspects that can be improved.

“We want the Sexual Assault Awareness Summit 2020 to be even better than the 2019 summit,” Pérez said.

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# News in Brief

## Global



- On Wednesday, April 24, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un arrived in Vladivostok, Russia for his first-ever summit meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin. The two leaders have no plans to make agreements or a joint statement. Russia said they will discuss denuclearization in North Korea.
- Islamic State claimed responsibility for the bombings at churches and hotels that killed at least 321 people in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday. Sri Lanka’s Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said the attacks may have been a reaction to the terrorist attacks at the two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand that killed 50 people last month.

## National



- More than 113,424 pounds of ground beef has been recalled due to an E. coli outbreak in 10 states as of Wednesday, April 24. The outbreak has spread to Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, Indiana, Florida, Illinois, Mississippi and Minnesota. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, a total of 156 people were infected with E. Coli in the United States and that ground beef is likely the source of the outbreak.
- On Wednesday, April 24, Rite Aid announced it will follow Walgreens in raising the minimum age to purchase tobacco products in their stores from 18 to 21 years old. Rite Aid said this policy will take effect within the next three months. Walgreen’s policy will begin on September 1.
- A 54-year-old woman was arrested after dumping a bag filled with seven puppies in a dumpster in Coachella, Calif. on Tuesday, April 23. The suspect, Deborah Sue Culwell, was seen on surveillance footage driving to dumpsters outside an auto parts store and leaving the puppies in a trash bin. An employee and a customer cared for the puppies until Animal Control arrived.
- SpaceX’s Crew Dragon spacecraft exploded on Saturday, April 20 during a test at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. Thick red smoke rose from the test site and was visible from miles away.

## Santa Clara



- On Friday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m., the Department of Music will host Spring Concertante, a performance by the University Orchestra featuring works of Copland, Bach and Vivaldi.
- Queers & Allies will host the 2019 drag show, “Drag Around the World” on Friday, April 26 at 8 p.m. in Locatelli Student Activity Center. The event will be a night of performances with global representations of gender non-conformity.

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# “Varsity Blues” Scandal Hits Close to Home

*Students recall  
constrasting  
admissions routes*

**Kimi Andrew**  
THE SANTA CLARA

The families involved in the college bribery scandal embody wealth and privilege in America: CEOs, Hollywood stars, Wall Street millionaires, vineyard owners, prominent lawyers.

Some of these families reside here in the Bay Area, with implicated students having attended the same high schools as current Santa Clara students.

If they’re villains, they’re villains made to order during a time preoccupied with deep divisions of class, privilege and race—a time when many regular Americans often feel like they have no chance of getting ahead in a system engineered to favor the richest of the rich.

For Americans who are already disenchanted by the college admis-

sions process, the corruption in the college admission system exposed by the scandal further shatters any notion that hard work, good grades and perseverance are the way into a prestigious school.

“Even though I always knew I wanted to go to college, the process of applying discouraged me a lot,” said Santa Clara sophomore Mackenzie Wessell. “It was already such a stressful process and to now find out that there were people paying their way into schools that others work so hard to get into hit me hard.”

Wessell took SAT prep classes and said her scores improved because of them—but the test-taking process and worrying about scores was stressful even with the extra help.

The orchestrator of the whole college admissions scheme, William “Rick” Singer, tried to justify his wrongdoings in court last month by leaning on this very reality of getting into top colleges in America.

Singer put it matter-of-factly. He said that there’s the front door, which involves getting in legitimately through academic achievements.

There’s the back door, which involves donating huge sums of money to a university in order to influence admissions decisions. His scheme was a cheaper alternative to the back door option: the side door.

Most people weren’t surprised to hear about the back door option. It can be unsettling to learn about the massive sums of money people donate to get their children into college.

What really shocked people though was the description of a side door—a corrupt advantage on top of the advantages already accorded to the rich. This newly revealed reality has set off outrage, especially for hard-working kids trying to get in on merit.

The scandal resonated with people because it’s hard to avoid conversations these days about the wealth gap, the one percent and a “rigged system,” a term used by politicians Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren. The massive disparity between the wealthy and the working-class stretches far beyond a law-breaking scandal.

Wealthy parents can pay for

a stellar K-12 education, athletic coaches and test prep, as well as donations to the Ivy League schools—all legal ways to influence admissions decisions. They have personal or legacy connections at elite schools that they can use to gain admission. They understand how to navigate the complicated admission system.

Santa Clara junior Gaby Ahlstrom was able to benefit from the wide array of help offered to prospective college students. She went to a Catholic high school in Chicago, she took private ACT prep classes and said her test scores improved after going to a tutor.

But, Ahlstrom recalled her high school offering ACT prep classes for free in its library for students who couldn’t afford to pay for outside help on their own. Because of this, she doesn’t think that paying for a private tutor necessarily put her at a greater advantage over other students. In addition to the help offered by her school, Ahlstrom referenced the ACT tutoring books available for purchase online.

“They sold the ACT tutoring

books so literally anyone could practice for the test. I just had someone checking my answers in the back of the book,” Ahlstrom said. “It was definitely a privilege that I had and something I’m grateful for, but I think there’s affordable opportunities out there for other people.”

According to Richard V. Reeves, author of “Dream Hoarders,” a book that argues the American upper middle class hoards opportunities, most colleges targeted in the admissions scandal took more kids in the top 1 percent than they did from all of the bottom 60 percent.

“The entire process caters to specific groups, like the upper class,” Wessell said. “The sanctity of education is lost knowing that some people don’t have to stress as much through this process that’s basically made to break us. Or maybe they do stress at first, but at least at the end of the day they can write a check and their problems will go away.”

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# The Ethics of a Potentially Artificial Future

*Panel explores  
implications  
of Artificial  
Intelligence*

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The robot revolution has arrived—but have the ethics? That’s exactly what a panel explored on April 18, discussing issues which surround the fast-growing field of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The panel consisted of Brian Green, the director of technology ethics at the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Maya Ackerman, a professor in the computer engineering department and Juliana Shihadeh, a senior computer science and engineering major.

The panel was part of the “Ethics in Artificial Intelligence” event, was hosted in collaboration with the Association of Computing Machinery, the Association of Computing Machinery Women’s Chapter and the Markkula Center.

Shihadeh began researching how to use machine learning algorithms for medical diagnosis, which eventually lead her to question the ethics surrounding AI. Her goal is to increase awareness of the social and ethical implications behind the growing presence of AI, since it’s a part of everyone’s lives.

“I wanted engineers to become more aware of questions that needed to be asked and considered when developing AI,” Shihadeh said. “Not everyone is involved in developing AI but AI is involved in all of our lives in some form or another. Your opinion about the technology can go a long way in influencing what’s being created.”

The talk began with a brief explanation of AI and the different terms often associated with it. AI refers to a finished product that can act and think on its own, like Apple’s virtual assistant Siri. Other frequently used phrases were machine learning (the process researchers undergo to train the AI), as well as deep learning (where the data is processed).

Once an AI is built, it becomes

hard to understand the decisions it makes. Many times, those who use and interact with AIs are working with a “black box” and have no way of seeing how a particular decision was reached. If an AI were to develop biases, it would be difficult to discern where the biases came from in order to correct them.

“AI is extremely misunderstood,” Ackerman said. “The biggest misunderstanding is that AI should try to measure up to [humans]. But AI is already better than us at a lot, and I think recognizing the difference and the diversity can help us understand AI better.”

Another issue with AI involves the question of who is responsible for it. Ackerman is also the co-founder of WaveAI, which created ALYSIA—a songwriting AI that creates original songs. Ackerman built the AI to write songs, something she could not do. However, since she built ALYSIA, Ackerman is able to receive credit for its creations.

On the other end of the spectrum, if an AI were to cause harm, Ackerman feels the creator should not be the one solely responsible for the harm caused. Creators are not able to control how their AI is used or implemented, despite being the ones who initially built them.

“I feel like I’m about as responsible for [the AI] as I am for my kid,” Ackerman said.

Both Ackerman and Green noted that humans are most proud of their creative capabilities and that many people have a utopian view of AI doing all the “garbage work” so humans are free to create.

Additionally, Green noted that there are two things humans would want to protect from AI: interpersonal relationships and creativity.

“As we are working with AI, we should make sure that it is not getting in the way between us and other people,” Green said. “Hopefully it is getting out of the way so that we can better interact with each other.”

Green also talked about the work done by the Markkula Center in starting conversations about the ethics surrounding AI. The Mark-

kula Center visits various technology companies in the surrounding area to discuss how AI can be used in the future, how it might be regulated and who might be responsible for it.

Senior computer science major Sam Suri attended the event and believes these talks are important

because they help to examine complex issues and produce insight.

“We should have talks on events that may not have a simple answer because we are then at least acknowledging the complexity of the topic and laying infrastructure for further discussions,” Suri said. “If we

shy away from the topic out of fear, then how can Santa Clara live up to its goal to make the world a better place through knowledge?”

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## A Book About Joy and Lessons on Living Joyfully

*Ingrid Fetell Lee  
notes what we all  
take for granted*

**Gavin Cosgrave**  
THE SANTA CLARA

A blast of confetti. A towering redwood. What is it that makes these sights universally joyful?

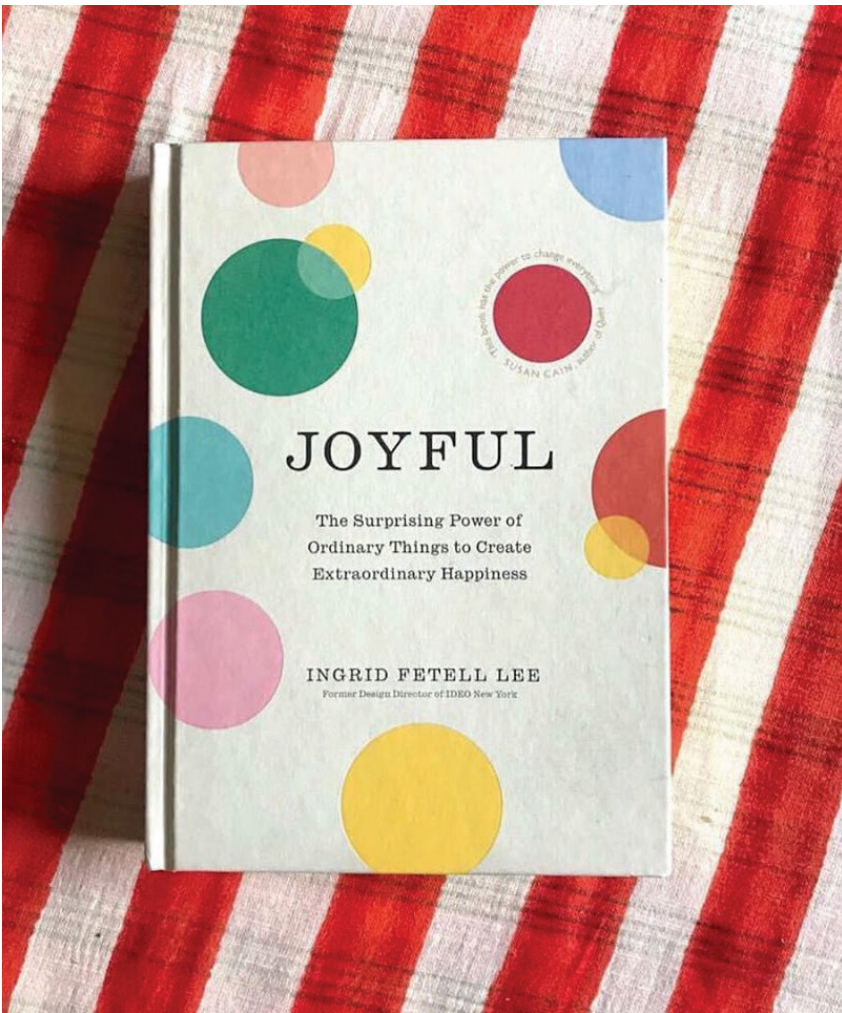
We normally associate joy with experiences and people: a theme park with friends, a hike with family, a birthday dinner. But small changes to our physical environment can also profoundly affect our happiness.

The book “Joyful: The Surprising Power of Ordinary Things to Create Extraordinary Happiness” by designer Ingrid Fetell Lee chronicles what she calls the 10 “aesthetics” of joy. These themes of energy—abundance, freedom, harmony, play, surprise, transcendence, magic, celebration and renewal—connect the feeling of joy to our physical world.

Readers follow Lee on a journey around the world to find joy hiding in unexpected places. She shares stories of how Chinese philosophy of feng shui can help rooms feel more harmonious and how Japanese cherry blossom celebrations connect people to the natural cycles of the planet.

The topic seemed a bit wishy-washy and touchy-feely at first. Sure, nature makes us happy and a party is fun, but how much can we really control how much joy we feel? In the hustle and bustle of college life, the emphasis lies on being productive and “changing the world.” Do we really have time to think about balloons and bright colors?

But Lee manages to strike a perfect balance between personal stories, scientific research, conversations with experts and aspirational woo. A broad range of designers, artists, architects and researchers



FACEBOOK

Ingrid Fetell Lee is the former Design Director of IDEO New York—the company which designed the first manufacturable mouse for Apple. At that global design powerhouse, Lee solidified her aesthetic prowess. With this experience, she established The Aesthetics of Joy, a project which aims to illustrate the undeniable connection between what we see and what we feel.

are woven into Lee’s own journey to discover joy all around the world. Readers are left empowered to discover the ordinary sights, smells and sounds humans have evolved to appreciate.

So how can you spark joy in your everyday life? Here are a few suggestions from the book:

- Surround yourself with bright colors. As the weather warms up, pull out that colorful shirt from the back of the closet or take a trip to the nearby San Jose Rose Garden.
- Mix up your routine. Take a different route to class, visit a new

restaurant or study in a different building. We often experience boredom or hunger when we are really experiencing “sensory hunger”—a desire for more varied and intense feelings from all five senses.

- Look up. Lee quoted a British cloud enthusiast, saying “Clouds are the perfect antidote to all the pressures of the digital age.” Taking time to daydream and gaze upwards can encourage long-term and creative thinking.

- Spend time in nature. The vastness of the ocean, intricacy of a flower, height of a redwood, freedom

of a blue sky—these natural forms help us break free from the sensory monotony of the indoors and feel grateful, peaceful and unrestrained.

- Engage in play. In the scheduled haze of college life, almost every activity has an end goal, a due date or a purpose. Playing a board game, throwing a frisbee around or creating art transports us out of our schedule and into the present moment.

- Plan a celebration. Social gatherings bring together the best elements of friendship, music, food and play to create a peak experience of

joy.

Where do you feel the most joy? What people bring you joy? What are the most joyful objects you own? What activities make you feel alive?

In the frenzy of the next few weeks, make time for the people, places and things that bring you to life.

And remember that joy is all around you, just waiting to be noticed.

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## Opinion: Bring Back the Graham Hall Pool

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But having a socially-focused swimming spot isn’t the focal point of Santa Clara’s issues.

After consideration though, it begs the question: “What makes Santa Clara a special place to its students and the community at large?”

U.C. Santa Cruz has its redwoods, the Ivy Leagues are known for their marvelous, old architecture and schools of all shapes and sizes are kindling new programs which set up the campus as a more enjoyable, student-focused space.

For example, San Jose State University just spent \$130 million on a new recreation and aquatic center which includes two football fields, three full-court gyms, a rock climbing wall and two outdoor pools, including a 50-meter lap pool. Time to amp up the competition, no?

Former Graham resident Bill Foley ’07 says that the pool was never removed, but “sealed with a cap and overlaid with sod” to cover the tracks.

Foley said when the rains would come, he and his friends would jump on the patch of grass to feel the ground “wiggle beneath them.”

Apparently, the rain would fill the entire pool and you could stomp on the unstable ground to move the water around. It was just like standing on a water bed.

Maybe one day Santa Clara will dig up the pool for old times sake. And maybe it’s about time they did.



FACEBOOK

Before its renovation, Graham Hall was once famously home to a student swimming pool. From the 1960s to the 2000s, the pool was a bubbling hub of student interaction and relaxation. Then, the beloved body of water was capped and covered, depriving students of a well-loved Santa Clara institution.

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# Cheap Thrill(er)s: A Drive-In Double Feature

*West Wind Theater  
blows competition  
out of the water*

**Brandon Schultz**  
THE SANTA CLARA

In the church of cinema, the drive-in moviegoing experience can only be described as heretic.

A largely dead enterprise, drive-ins are messy and uncontrollable: people heckle, lights flash and sound (especially from nearby highways) carries. It’s the antithesis of the precise and tightly wound concoctions great movies aspire to.

But, in 2019—where everyone has watched at least some part of a great film on their wallet-sized phone—drive-ins have become one of the last vestiges of the sweeping American cinema that dazed the nation in the 20th century.

And of the limited options, West Wind Capitol Drive-In stands proud as the perfect embodiment of a modern drive-in movie theater, a defiant temple in an age of apostasy.

At West Wind Capitol Drive-In, you see the screens—jutting up from the horizon like vast, silvery monoliths—before you even reach the outskirts of the property.

Unlike AMC-style multiplexes where concession stands and gaudy bars assume center stage—drive-ins understand that, at the movies, the films are the main attraction.



WEST WIND DRIVE-IN

Drive-in theaters were, at one time, a sign of the American experience. However, in recent years these totems of Americana have dwindled in the face of multiplexes like AMC and Cinemark. Nevertheless, these filmic wonderlands persist, providing lovers of a good time the chance to unwind and watch a movie in the company of loved ones.

Once inside, you can have your pick of parking spot, and since you control the seating arrangements, you don’t need to worry about contracting lice or some other fabric-infested disease from the perpetually filthy theater chairs.

At drive-ins, you’re behind the wheel and you’re in control.

While daylight exposes the piles of trash swirling just outside the screening lots, (which admittedly look like sets straight out of “Mad Max,” only messier), and the projectionists replace the waning beams of sunlight with the fired-up, digital magic of the movies, West Wind Capitol fully comes alive.

In the circular building occupying the center of the establish-

ment, concession stands rattle to life to serve anything from heaps of classic, buttery movie popcorn to steaming nachos and even coffee.

With the imposing rectangles of the massive screens dominating the background, as you walk from your car to pick up your popcorn and Pepsi, kids dart past and late cars shuffle into position before the opening titles. Especially on Friday and Saturday nights, these drive-ins hum with life.

In fact, the bevy of people and personalities adds to the experience. As the movie begins to play, groups of kids play pickup football in between the rows of cars. Families hold impromptu

cookouts complete with camping-style lawn chairs, couples canoodle in the beds of pickup trucks, and loners tint their car windows with foggy smoke.

Regardless of how these guests use drive-ins, they all visit West Wind to—in some respect—partake in the collective cinematic experience movies offer.

The screens are so prominent and massive that even those uninterested in plot can find themselves engrossed by the gigantic projections.

Perhaps the best feature of a drive-in is its double feature offerings—an American moviegoing tradition largely abandoned by indoor theaters. In an area where even the most basic, no-frills

movie ticket can go for \$12. For a straight \$16, you can see, for example, “The Curse of La Llorona” and “Pet Sematary” back-to-back.

Even when the movies fail to keep the audience’s interest—which happens rather frequently in the drab and on-the-nose “Pet Sematary”—drive-ins allow guests greater flexibility. If you want to critique the movie from the privacy of your vehicle, you can.

If you want to refill your popcorn, you can (without disturbing any people between you and the exit).

Although filmmakers lose artistic control to the elements when their films are projected at drive-ins, the audience gains

more control over their viewing habits.

Sure, West Wind Capitol Drive-In could improve in the cleanliness department, but if you bring a couple friends to a late-night double feature, you won’t be able to see the garbage.

Instead, you can bask in the glory of the cinema and the life unfolding below the projection booth, taking movies out of the cloistered sterility of the screening room and transplanting them directly into everyday lives. American cinematic culture lives on at the drive-ins.

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## Spring Escapes: Heavenly Roadside Café

*The sun is out and  
shining, so here’s your  
next off-campus trip*

**Noah Sonnenburg**  
SCENE EDITOR

Thoreau went to the woods because he wished to live deliberately.

I just wanted brunch.

And what a brunch it was. Hurling down the winding, verdant roads of Scotts Valley, it’s easy to miss Heavenly Roadside Café. Nestled amongst the towering walls of giant California redwoods, with an unassuming exterior, this small cafe is a haven of all things breakfast. Behind its wood-laden pastel orange walls lies a temple which

worships the holy trinity of eggs, bacon and toast.

If you manage to slow down in time to park in its gravel pit of a parking lot, this breakfast nook is one of legend. After passing its homey outdoor garden area and through the restaurant’s heavy, glass-paneled door, the ebullient staff hurries you to a table without pause.

The first notable quirk of this spot is its actual size. Outside, its boarded facade makes it appear diminutive—with only enough space to fit a bar and some seating at best. But after being ushered to your seat, it becomes clear that the restaurant is large—and labyrinthine at that.

Upon being seated, the overwhelming charm of the whole milieu sets in. The wait staffers are charming. The first word

that comes to mind in terms of the setting is “quaint.” However that term pales as it brings to mind the thoughts of something old-fashioned. More fittingly, the dining room is at once deliberate and homey with a tinge of Santa Cruz-ian funk.

The menu is just the same. Excitingly fresh reimaginings of classic breakfast items seem to spill on page after page.

With great excitement, I ordered the “Baja Especial” scramble, and my dining partner, the “Green Goddess” benedict.

Our server was exceedingly kind and was happy to welcome us to the restaurant for the first time.

It was a small note, but her enthusiasm about the job made me even more impatient for the meal to come.

We waited with coffee and tea

on the table for our eggs to finish cooking and people-watched as we sipped away. The guests were a happy crowd to dine with, even indirectly. Families, couples and single diners alike all were packed to the gills in there. Even the people eating alone were with company as the wait staff took every chance to entertain them with some quiet morning conversation.

After our short, caffeinated wait, our food was brought over on a bevy of bright, notably cheap plates—the only apparent failing of the restaurant.

But the disappointment in the dining ware was short lived. For the next 20 minutes of my meal, I was engrossed in a flurry of flavors which seemed to amplify every other part of the restaurant.

My scramble was stuffed

with peppers, onions and spices which all stood out very brightly even with the chicken sausage I ordered alongside it.

However, my dish was trumped quite strongly by my dining partner’s.

The restaurant’s benedicts, as we found out, are their claim to fame—for good reason.

On two toasted english muffins and smothered in the thickest holendaise known to man, it was a joy both to see and taste.

Sure, Bill’s Café is down the road and Sarah’s Kitchen is a consistent classic, but Heavenly Roadside Café is a joyful, local breakfast adventure to take you off campus, if only for one morning.

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# OPINION

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June Kissel

## 10 Sustainable Tips For College Students

Near every trash can on Santa Clara’s campus is a recycling receptacle, and usually there’s an accompanying compost bin too. Sensors in some buildings monitor natural light in order to minimize energy usage. Over 85 percent of the campus is irrigated with recycled water.

These efforts, as well as future initiatives, has lead Santa Clara to be named No. 12 out of 269 schools as a 2018 “Cool School,” by Sierra, a national magazine of the Sierra Club.

Santa Clara’s sustainability efforts were evident my first two years living on campus. But it has been more difficult to keep a smaller carbon footprint off campus as an upperclassman. Luckily, I have friends in green places who helped me create a list of easy ways to reduce one’s environmental damage.

1. It takes 200 years to decompose a single straw, so ask waiters to forgo one in your drink. If you simply cannot live without a straw, buy a collapsible, reusable keychain version on Amazon for \$12. You can keep it in your purse or with your car keys.

2. Set a goal to pick up one piece of trash on the ground per day. When litter is on sidewalks or along curbs, it may get washed down into storm drains during a heavy rain. The storm drain litter then gets into the nearest river or ocean, which can pollute the water and cause animals to come into contact with items.

3. If you’re getting food to go, don’t get plastic cutlery; use what you have at home. Better yet, eat at the establishment and avoid using

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MIMI NAJMABADI

This past Monday, April 22 was Earth Day. There are a number of ways students can get involved on campus to help our planet. This includes volunteering at the Forge Garden, joining the Food Recovery Network and applying for the Sustainability Investment Fund.

a disposable container altogether.

4. As hard as it may be for all you party animals, avoid using red solo cups! Or just put your name on one and reuse it all day/night.

5. Either say no to plastic bags at a store or bring your own reusable bags. If you end up getting a bag, use it as an interim recycling bin or recycling bin bag liner.

6. Wash out plastic or glass food containers before putting them in the recycling or, better yet, use them

again as tupperware. Recyclables with food waste in them cannot be recycled and are disposed of in landfills.

There are different types of plastics, some of which are harsher on the environment than others. There is a rating on the bottom of plastic goods that sits in the middle of the recycle symbol ranging from one to six.

Items with a lower number are easier to recycle, so if you do not plan on reusing plastics, try to avoid buying those with high numbers, as they are harder to break down.

7. Turn the water off while brushing your teeth. Consider using bamboo toothbrushes, as plastic toothbrushes are almost as bad as straws and are unrecyclable.

8. Eat less meat. Going vegan is not for everyone, but limiting livestock intake in any form reduces your carbon footprint, considering global meat production is responsible for seven to eight percent of all greenhouse gas emissions. Even if this is as little as limiting your meat intake to one meal a day or week—anything helps.

9. Compost! The City of Santa Clara does provide compost pickup services by providing residents with a yard waste bin. For on campus residents, you can rent a compost bin to have in your room. If you return it at the end of the year, you do not have to pay.

10. Limit nut consumption, especially almonds and walnuts. Although they’re all the rage as a healthy snack and milk substitute, which has increased the profitability of production. But it takes one gallon of water to produce a single almond and almost five gallons to produce a single walnut.

For context, with each flush of a toilet about 1.6 gallons of water are used, and running the dishwasher uses eight gallons. The U.S. produces 70 percent of almond exports in the world, and it is estimated California almond production uses enough water to provide almost three years worth of water to all of Los Angeles.

But have no fear, there are other dairy free nut milks people can make or buy. Coconut milk serves as a great alternative because it does not require a lot of water and coconut trees filter carbon dioxide which helps us breathe in clean oxygen.

Hemp milk is another alternative because it does not use many pesticides, and it filters out carbon dioxide. The entire plant can be used, so there’s less waste.

College can be stressful, but it is important to keep these tips in mind and actively carry them out. That way we can help make sure our planet thrives for years to come.

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Sahale Greenwood

## Living, Capturing and Reliving Memories

It has been two weeks since my trip to Big Sur, but I am still re-watching the video I created to remind myself of all the human connections I made and the beautiful views I saw.

But is having that memory vividly available to me worth the stress I felt in trying to capture all those memories on camera? Absolutely.

Editing the video and making artistic choices about the music and pace allowed me to artistically recreate my trip. It gave me the opportunity to relive and reflect on how the trip made me feel.

The style you choose to commemorate those experiences may vary, but the objective is always the same: keep all the memories you can and never stop reliving your best moments.

A popular smartphone app, “1 Second Everyday,” encourages people to take one-second videos every day for a year to commemorate high points in their lives. This is similar to the five to 10-second videos I took on my backpacking trip—I just did a weekend version instead of a year. I choose the best moments of each video, arranged them in the order I wanted and put it to music.

The benefits of embarking on this project is that you solidify memo-

ries and can look back at your amazing times. You can also share your experience with others, as people watching the movie feel like they were there themselves.

People lose memories over time if they do not stop to write them down or capture them on camera, forgetting the little things. You may remember the best sunset you ever saw over the water, but forget bonding with other campers at the top of the steep hill you just climbed because you all have sweat pouring into your eyes. I believe that the little details are the most valuable memories.

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But for some people, pulling out your phone or camera and focusing on capturing moments tarnishes that memory by adding stress to an otherwise amazing experience. For others this is too large of an obstacle



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On a recent Into the Wild Trip, Santa Clara students watch as the sun sets in Big Sur. Time moves fast in college, so it is important we take the necessary steps to remember this part of our lives. Taking photos, videos and journaling can be helpful in this respect.

to justify the film produced at the end. But, there is a middle ground, a way to remember the little important details that color our experiences so much without having unnecessary stress: journaling.

Get a pocket-sized thought notebook and just write anything that comes to mind. This way you create concrete memories without feeling the stress or disconnection that may

come with a camera.

Regardless of whether you like film, photography or journaling, memories are precious so we must do everything we can to optimize

creating and cherishing them.

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# Broncos Looking for Sub-Par Play

*Men’s Golf plays first round of WCCs today*

**John Brussa**  
SPORTS EDITOR

No. 83 ranked Men’s Golf stands just one win from clinching a spot in the NCAA Championships next month—a feat much easier said than done.

Beginning today, eight teams, including No. 14 Pepperdine, No. 30 Brigham Young and No. 55 Saint Mary’s, will compete in the West Coast Conference (WCC) Tournament held at The Reserve at Spanos Park in Stockton. The tournament’s winner will earn an automatic bid to the NCAAs.

The Broncos will tee off at 9:20 a.m. paired with a formidable Pepperdine team. The Waves have been dominant, winning or placing second in 25 of their last 32 tournaments and will be searching for their 20th conference title.

Santa Clara will be led by low scorer and junior Matt McCarty, who is averaging a team best 71.18 strokes per round. And the team may have one advantage: the course.

Last year, the Broncos collected a win while competing in the Visit Stockton Pacific Invitational held at Spanos Park. Senior David Ackerman, sophomore Jack Avritt and McCarty were all apart of last year’s victory at the venue and will get the chance to use their knowledge of the course in this weekend’s tournament.

The WCCs will run today through Saturday, with each team playing 18 holes per day. Although not the most intimidating team in the field, the Broncos have beaten everyone



Teeing off today at 9:20 a.m., Men’s Golf hopes to come out on top of this season’s WCC Tournament held in Stockton. Five of the eight teams in the field are ranked among the nation’s top 100, including Santa Clara.

but Pepperdine in tournaments throughout the season. In other words, it’s the Waves’ turn.

**Baseball**

SANTA CLARA, Calif.—It took 10 innings for Santa Clara to beat Cal Poly the last time the teams saw each other on April 2. On Tuesday, the Broncos wanted to leave nothing to chance.

After holding the Mustangs scoreless in the top of the first inning, the Broncos brought home a runner following junior catcher Jake MacNichols’ sacrifice fly. In the third and with a runner on first, MacNichols collected more RBIs, blasting a two-run homerun to left field—his 11th of the year—to put the Broncos ahead 3-0.

On the mound for Santa Clara was redshirt sophomore Brandon Buckley—his first start in more than two years. Although the starter, Buckley’s duties were limited to just the first inning before he was replaced by fellow redshirt

sophomore, Ethan Heinrech, in the second. Head coach Rusty Filter appeared to use the non-conference game as a day to get as many pitchers live action as possible. When it was all said and done, a total of eight pitchers toed the rubber for Santa Clara. The Mustangs were unable to settle in against any one of them and the Broncos’ staff combined to throw a four-hit shut-out.

Santa Clara scored once in the fourth and again in the eighth inning to cap off a 5-0 victory. Redshirt sophomore Andre Nnebe—out most of last season with injuries and batting in the lead-off spot for the first time this year—collected two hits and scored twice courtesy of MacNichols.

This weekend, the Broncos will travel to Portland for a road series beginning Friday at 6 p.m.

**Men’s Tennis**

CLAREMONT, Calif.—Winning three of their last four matches,

Men’s Tennis hopes to carry their momentum into today’s opening round of the West Coast Conference, where they will take on a solid Brigham Young team at 1:00 p.m.

Yesterday, three Broncos were recognized with all-conference honors. Senior Andrew Gu earned a spot on the All-WCC Singles First Team for the second year in a row after winning 11 of his 17 singles matches on either courts one or two this season. Senior Robert Seby and junior Jesus Tapiador Barajas were both named All-WCC Honorable Mentions.

Santa Clara last faced BYU in early February. The Cougars won that match handily, beating the Broncos 4-0 but head into today’s contest on a two-game losing streak. Whoever wins will move on to play Gonzaga tomorrow at 1 p.m.

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## STANDINGS

### Baseball

Team	WCC	Overall
Loyola Marymount	12-6	24-16
San Francisco	12-6	23-17
Gonzaga	12-6	20-17
Brigham Young	10-5	26-10
Saint Mary’s	8-7	23-16
Pepperdine	8-7	17-15
San Diego	9-9	25-17
Pacific	8-10	21-18
Portland	3-15	21-20
Santa Clara	2-13	7-29

### Women’s Tennis

Team	WCC	Overall
Pepperdine	9-0	19-3
San Diego	8-1	17-3
Gonzaga	6-3	11-8
Saint Mary’s	6-3	8-9
Loyola Marymount	5-4	11-8
Brigham Young	4-5	11-10
Portland	3-6	7-12
Santa Clara	2-7	5-11
San Francisco	1-8	8-13
Pacific	1-8	4-14

### Men’s Tennis

Team	WCC	Overall
San Diego	8-1	18-4
Gonzaga	7-2	16-7
Brigham Young	6-3	17-5
Santa Clara	5-4	14-7
Pepperdine	5-4	11-12
Loyola Marymount	5-4	7-13
Pacific	3-6	6-15
Saint Mary’s	3-6	4-12
Portland	2-7	7-14
San Francisco	1-8	4-15

## UPCOMING GAMES

Men’s Golf		
Santa Clara @ WCC	Thurs. 4/25	9:20 a.m.
Men’s Tennis		
Santa Clara vs. BYU	Thurs. 4/25	1:00 p.m.

# Equal pay

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never happened in the sport of surfing.

“Women athletes should have an opportunity to compete for equal prize money in a multi-heat women’s division,” wrote Valenti in the letter. “It will be good for women, for the Mavericks legacy and it will ensure fair and equal access to coastal waters.”

Under the pressure applied by CEWS in the letter, the World Surf League announced that it would offer equal prize money beginning in 2019 to both men and women—becoming the first U.S.-based global sports league to apply equal pay. The WSL added that it is deeply committed to the growth and support of women’s sports. Soon after, the Mavericks Challenge followed suit, allocating equal pay as well as increasing the number of women’s heats in their competition to three.

While the event was canceled last month due to harsh weather conditions, Mavericks will be one of two contests including women in the upcoming Big Wave Tour season this year. The other is the Women’s Pe’ahi Challenge in Maui, which will also follow a three-heat format.

Female surfers of CEWS have been diving head first into legislation meetings up and down the coast ever since. Now, with the “Equal Pay Equal Play” bill passed, Boerner and Gonzalez have sent multiple letters to major surfing competitions in the past weeks demanding equal prize money for female athletes.

“When I was told there was going to be equal pay for men and women, I pretty much cried,” Stephanie Gilmore, the world’s No. 1



Australian surfer and seven time world champion, Stephanie Gilmore has long campaigned for equal pay between male and female athletes. She hopes her sport will set a precedent for other industries to follow.

female surfer, said to CNN.

Kelly Slater, winner of 11 Men’s World Championships and 55 Championship tour titles, concurred.

“The women on the tour deserve this change,” he told WSL. “I’m so proud that surfing is choosing to lead sports in equality and fairness.”

The argument for disparity in the pay gap does make sense to a degree. Many men’s sports bring in more money and sometimes more of an audience than their female counterparts. But I think the real issue women are

concerned about is equity and fair treatment as athletes in the sports industry.

This issue has been surfacing across the sports world. Soccer, hockey and most notoriously professional basketball have large pay gaps too.

In March, all 28 members of the current U.S. Women’s Soccer team sought equitable payment and treatment from the National Soccer Federation, which they had not been receiving despite being the most successful women’s team in history. In the lawsuit, the players argued they have the same responsi-

bilities as their male counterparts, “playing with the same size ball; on the same size field; have the same duration of matches and play by the same set of rules.”

The women’s team is simply more successful than its male counterpart. The men’s team failed to make the the last World Cup while the women have won three Olympic World Cups and four Olympic gold medals. And yet, the women still receive smaller paychecks. Currently, the U.S. Soccer Federation is looking to find parity in compensation.

Similarly, the U.S. Women’s National Ice Hockey Team had been battling off the ice for equal pay last year. According to The New York Times, the players were asking for the same treatment the men’s team received, such as having their disability insurance and transportation costs covered. They also needed to make a living off of their sport, which the men’s team easily does with six-figure salaries. After a year of negotiations, the USA Hockey finally agreed to a four-year contract honoring many of the athletes’ requests.

Players from the Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA) are also taking a stance. They are not asking for the multi-million dollar contracts that NBA players take home—they merely are asking for equity in their sport. While the NBA pays its players between 49-51 percent of its revenue, the WNBA only take home approximately 22.8 percent according to NBA.com. Negotiations for fairer treatment are currently underway.

Sports have historically mirrored society, with the pay gap persisting in the athletic world just as much as in the professional world. The progress is slow, but it is happening. As recent news shows, women are fighting back—demanding, and now winning, equity and equality at last.

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## SPORTS

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## Equal Pay for Equal Play

*California lawmakers weigh in on pay gap in athletic competitions*

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THE SANTA CLARA

The globe's biggest sports stars are making more bank than ever. The athletes on Forbes' most recent Top 100 List made \$3.8 billion over the last 12 months, up 23 percent from the previous year. The list includes elite athletes across the sports landscape, including Lionel Messi, LeBron James and Tiger Woods. But no women appeared on that list.

Focus, determination, skill, courage, grit—it's all a part of the sport whether you are a man or a woman. As a female collegiate athlete myself, I know that female athletes are dedicating equal amounts of effort toward their success as male athletes, so it can be discouraging as a female athlete to know that our efforts appear less valued.

In March, just weeks before the 2019 Women's World Cup, the U.S. Women's Soccer team demanded pay raises. Last year, the U.S. Women's Hockey team threatened to boycott the upcoming world championship due to unequal pay compared to the men's squad. Women's National Basketball players are also taking action. Now, professional women surfers are riding the same wave to end the gender pay gap themselves.

On April 19, California lawmakers signed the bill "Equal Pay for Equal Play" that would grant permits only to competitions providing equal pay for all athletes competing on state property. Surfing, cycling, open-water swimming and triathlons are examples of the primary contests that would be affected.

The bill was written by surfer Tasha Boerner Horvath. She is a member of the Committee for Equity in Women's Surfing (CEWS)—a group dedicated to ensuring fairness and equality, regardless of gender, in the sport. The bill is an effort to challenge the inequality norms of paying women less than men across many pro sports.

"When we look at these athletes, this is their place of work," she told The Mercury News in March. "This is where they earn their money and where they perform."

The idea for the bill arose late last summer. Elite surfer Bianca Valenti of San Francisco made history as the first Women's Big Wave Champion, winning the Puerto Escondido Cup during the summer of 2018. She was paid \$1,750 by the World Surf League (WSL). Meanwhile, her counterpart in the men's division took home \$7,000—four times the prize money for the same waves.

Valenti, among many other professional female surfers, is a member of CEWS. The committee decided to write a letter after Valenti's victory to the California Coastal Commission—the state agency in charge of land use and public access in the California Coastal Zone—to notify them that the WSL has shown gender-based discrimination by allocating its prize money based on gender differences.

The letter also requested that a change be made to the annual Mavericks Challenge Surf Contest, which takes place near Half Moon Bay every March. Organized by the WSL itself, it is one of the most exciting competitions in the world of surfing due to its great location and unpredictable waves—some of which reach 60 feet. CEWS urged the California Coastal Commission to approve the Mavericks Challenge only if the event offered the same prize money to both genders—something that has

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## Race to The Cup Heating Up



Despite coming from behind to force a Game 7, things looked bleak for the Sharks on Tuesday night. The Golden Knights—who were in the Finals last season—were up 3-0 over San Jose with just over 10 minutes remaining before the Sharks rallied to score four goals and send it into overtime, where they won 5-4.

### *A wild first round has left eight teams in the hunt, no No. 1 seeds*

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It's not the nicest trophy in the world of sports. It's old, dented and riddled with spelling mistakes and cross-outs that resemble what happens when I try to do my math homework in pen instead of pencil. While it might not be shiny and new every year, no trophy in all of sports has more character and history than the Stanley Cup.

It has sank to the bottom of a pool, been left on the side of a road and gone to war. People have urinated on it, babies have defecated in it and others have eaten cereal and drank beer out of it—sometimes two of those occurring within the same day. It has been used for baptisms, accidentally been set on fire and even has its own chaperone dubbed the "Keeper of the Cup."

Yet, no matter what happens to the cup, players will go through just about anything to earn the right to own it for a day—a tradition started in 1995 for NHL's championship team.

The first round of this year's Stanley Cup playoffs concluded last night, and there was no shortage of upsets.

In the most exciting game seven and debatably the best series of the first round, the San Jose Sharks rallied back from down 3-1 in the series against the Vegas Golden Knights to force Game 7. Down 3-0 with 10:45 left to play in the third period, the Sharks once again came from behind, scoring four goals in four minutes on a five-minute major power play to take the lead. However, Vegas was able to tie the game up with 45 seconds remaining after pulling their goalie for a final attempt.

The game was pushed to overtime, where the Sharks scored after 18 more minutes to advance to the next round, marking one of the most thrilling games of the week. They will face the Colorado Avalanche in the second round.

Looking to the Eastern Conference, the Tampa Bay Lightning were swept in four games by the Columbus Blue Jackets. This was one of the most shocking results of the first round, as the Lightning tied the NHL record for regular season wins, but then failed to win a single postseason game. On the other hand, the Blue Jackets earned their first playoff series win in franchise history.

With their 4-0 series win, Columbus moves on to play the Boston Bruins, who defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-1 in game seven on Tuesday night. With both teams trading wins before Boston eventually took the last two, it was Boston who struck first in Game 7 when they scored in the first period on Joakim Nordstrom's shot. It looked like he gave the puck ghost-like characteristics, as it somehow passed through a tiny space between the left post and Toronto's goalie's body, giving Boston an early lead they would hold for the rest of the game.

Elsewhere in the Eastern Conference, the Washington Capitals hosted the Carolina Hurricanes in another game seven matchup on Wednesday night. The Capitals—looking to defend their Stanley Cup championship

Switching over to the Western Conference, the Nashville Predators were upset by the Dallas Stars in six games. Heading into the playoffs, Nashville looked promising to go deep, but their atrocious power play execution (0-15 on the series) and Dallas' impressive defense allowed Dallas to take the series victory in the end.

In the second round, the Stars will play the St. Louis Blues, who defeated the Winnipeg Jets 4-2.

The Blues did not dominate throughout the series, and at times it actually seemed like they were holding on for dear life. They were able to pull it out however, thanks in part to their ability to stay out of the penalty box and adapt when things weren't working in their favor.



In another overtime thriller, the Capitals were unable to cling to their lead and fell to the Hurricanes 4-3. Carolina's Justin Williams—known as Mr. Game 7—lived up to his nickname on Wednesday night.

from last year—jumped out to a two-goal lead and appeared to have things under control.

Until they found themselves in double overtime, tied at 3-3.

Things came crashing down for last year's champions when the Hurricanes' Justin Williams assisted Brock McGinn, who scored the series-winning goal and propelled his team past the Caps.

Carolina will meet the New York Islanders in the second round after the latter swept the Pittsburgh Penguins in another four-game series.

Although the first game in New York went to overtime—the Islanders ultimately won by one goal—the rest of the series was not as close, as New York held Pittsburgh to only one goal in each of the next three games.

In another Western Conference matchup, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Calgary Flames 4-1. Although the Flames were at the top of the conference throughout the regular season and the Avalanche only managed to clinch a wild card spot, barely squeezing into the Stanley Cup field, it was the Avalanche who came to play as they wiped out the Flame fairly easily.

With that, eight teams have been eliminated and eight teams have moved on.

Those that remain are one step closer to hoisting the legendary Stanley Cup trophy—but luckily for us, there's lots of playoff hockey left until then.

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